



Friends of the St. Clair River Education Programs

Classroom field trips and Classroom presentations

Step 1. Choose a field trip or a classroom presentation

Step 2: Select your 1st and 2nd choice dates

Step 3: Contact our Environmental Educator to schedule your program

1st - 2nd grade People and the Environment

Students take a 1-mile guided hike that highlights the Blue Water Area's natural history and the positive and negative impacts humans have had on our urban environment. Students will learn how people are working to restore plant and wildlife habitat and brainstorm ways they can help.

3rd - 5th grade Sturgeon Biology and River Habitat

Lake sturgeon are on the brink of becoming endangered, yet the St. Clair River is home to the largest population of Lake sturgeon in the Great Lakes. Through a multidisciplinary scavenger hunt, students will discover what makes sturgeon unique, learn why the St. Clair River provides ideal habitat and explore ways that scientists track and survey our sturgeon population with real-time data.

6th - 12th grade St. Clair River Ecology and Ecosystems

Students will be introduced to inquiry and comparative questions as they learn the different methods that scientists use to compare and survey our local ecosystems. Students will collect data using science tools and compare results for both river, urban and wetland ecosystems.

5th Grade – Sturgeon Science Cruise *Adopt A Sturgeon purchase is required.*

Free Huron Lady Sturgeon Science Cruise field trips are open to all St. Clair County 5th graders as part of the annual Blue Water Sturgeon Festival. During the educational 1-hour cruise students learn about Lake sturgeon habitat and see live sturgeon tagging in Lake Huron from fisheries biologists. Cruise seats are limited. Learn more at SturgeonFestival.com.

All grades – Adopt A Sturgeon

Our unique adoption program is the perfect way to show love to the Giants of the Great Lakes. Your adoption helps protect Michigan's threatened Lake sturgeon that call the St. Clair River home. When you adopt a Lake sturgeon from the St. Clair River you are showing concern and respect for our environment and wildlife in a meaningful way. Adopt a Lake sturgeon for your classroom and receive customized curriculum, real time info, videos and in-class presentation.

Details

- Teachers can participate in free programs in exchange for completing a survey to help us refine future programming.
- Teachers are responsible for arranging their own transportation to the River Walk. Bussing stipends may be available upon request.
- Field trips to the River Walk are booked in September, October, May and June and last 90 minutes.
- Classroom presentations are booked November - April and last 60 minutes.
- Programs correlate with Michigan Standards for Science and Social Studies.
- To extend your student's field trip experience, trolley rides, Huron Lady Cruises and Bramble tours may be added for additional fees. Ask at the time of scheduling.

Schedule a Program

Contact Amy Meeker-Taylor, Environmental Educator, at education@scriver.org or 810.488.3975.

